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**BOMBAY LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT,
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To ***3562**

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25th September 1951.

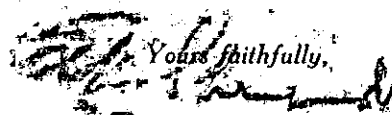
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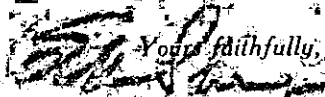
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Below Question No. 3562 of Shri B.R. Hijare,
H.L.A. regarding alleged mismanagement of
Bijapur Electric Supply Co., Ltd. - Bijapur

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No. L.A. 951 L.B.P. R.

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Report from The Col. Rugg. to Genl. has not ~~be~~
 been recd. with refer. to G. E. as p- 15 auth
 It was however informally understood from The
 Col. Rugg's office that it would be submitted
 yesterday. As the same has not yet been
 recd. the draft O.D. ^{p. 18} put up may issue,
 if approved.

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NO. NO. LAQ 951 LBP K

P. W. Dept.
Secretariat
Bombay No. 1.

A copy of Q. No. 3562 tabled by Shri
B. R. Hujare, M. L. A. ^{in connection with alleged mismanagement of Bof. El. Supply Co.} was forwarded to your p. 15-
office for remarks under L. E. No. LAQ 951 LBP K
dt: the 4th Oct. 1951. ^{which are still awaited. The Account is now on &} I am to request you ^{it is desirable that}
to look personally in the matter and see ^{there should be no}
that the report is submitted ^{to get} immediately so ^{avoidable delay in}
as to enable the H. M. to answer the question ^{replying the question.}
in the current session.

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Yours.

To
Shri S. G. Nadkarni, B. A., B. Sc (Bom), M. Sc. (Eng) (London)
A. C. S. I., D. I. C., A. M. I. Mech. E., M. I. E. E.,
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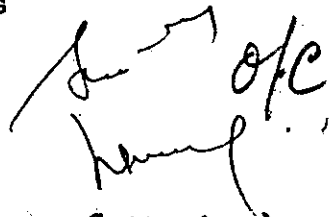
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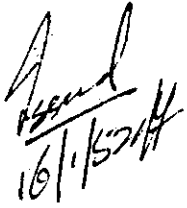
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Public Works Department,
Secretariat,
Bombay No.1, 16th January 1952.

Dear

A copy of Question No.3562 tabled by Shri B. R. Hujare, M.L.A., in connection with alleged mismanagement of Bijapur Electric Supply Company, was forwarded to your office for remarks under Government Endorsement No. LAQ 951 LBPK, dated the 4th October 1951, which are still awaited. The Assembly Session is now on and it is desirable that there should be no avoidable delay in replying the question. I am, therefore, to request you to look personally in the matter and see that the required report is submitted to Government immediately so as to enable the Honourable Minister to answer the question in the current session.

Yours


(V. W. Gothoskar)


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Shri S. G. Nadkarni, B.A., B.Sc.(Bom.),
M.Sc.(Eng.)(Lond.), A.C.G.I.,
D.I.C., A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.E.E.,
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Electrical Engineer to Government.

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No. G.118/ 11967 of 1952.
P.W.D. Offices, Churchgate Street,
Fort, Bombay (1) 2181 January 1952.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Bombay.

Re:- Alleged mismanagement of the Bijapur
Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Bijapur.
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Reference: Government, Public Works Department, endorsement
No. LAQ-951-LBPK, dated the 4th October 1951.

2. The following remarks are offered on the various items
of question No. 3562:- P-9-11

(1) to (5) - It is a fact that there are frequent interruptions
of supply of electricity at Bijapur, and this fact is confirmed
by the inspecting officer of this Department who inspects the
power house every three months in his reports which are received
in this office. There appears to be no complaints received in
this connection from the general public of late, but complaints
about interruptions were received in this office in 1949 from
certain consumers, viz. Messrs. Jayashree Talkies, Bijapur, the
Administrator, Municipal Borough, Bijapur, the President, District
Congress Committee, Bijapur, etc. A complaint was also addressed
by the Secretary, Gumasta Sangh, Bijapur, to the Hon'ble Minister
Local Self Government, Bombay, vide Government, Public Works De-
partment, letter No. S.60/17/18344-El, dated the 25th March 1949.
The complaints were investigated immediately and it was found
that the interruptions were mainly due to the worn out condition
of the generating sets, which have been in continuous use for
several years. The Company was asked to purchase spare parts for
the purpose of repairing and reconditioning the old engines, and
accordingly on receipt of the spare parts, the sets were repaired
and put into working condition. The Company was also asked to
order out a new set in order to improve the position of supply.

(6) & (7) - The Company has actually placed an order for a new
D.C. generating set of 100 K.W. in 1946, which has been received
lately and is in the course of erection. The Company was also
asked to order out new A.C. sets of adequate capacity to cope with
the demand of the town, vide Government Public Works Department,
letter No. S.60/17/44510-El(I), dated the 20th June 1950, but so
far no action has been taken by the Company in that direction.

(8) - It is a fact that the Company charges for the supply of
energy for lighting, fans, etc. at annas 8 per unit, and it is in
accordance with the maximum charge of annas 8 per unit sanctioned
in the license. Electricity duty is charged at the rate of half
anna per unit on the units consumed for lighting and fans when
the total consumption per month exceeds 12 units, thus in effect
the rate of electricity duty comes to one anna per rupee for
every two units.

(9) - The above rates are not higher than those prevailing at
other places.

(10) & (11) - Yes. On the application of the Company to Govern-
ment under section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, for
the constitution of a Rating Committee, such Committee was consti-
tuted, vide Government Resolution, Public Works Department, No.
571/48(18) dated the 20th September 1950. However, the Committee
was dissolved subsequently, with effect from the 24th September
1951, vide Government Resolution, Public Works Department, No.
LBP-1851 dated the 24th September 1951.

(12) - The stoppage of supply is due to the breakdown in the
old engines and as such breakdown occurs suddenly, no previous
notice in such cases is possible.

(13)....

(13) - During the breakdown period of any machine, the remaining sets in operation are not in a position to take up the entire load of the town, and as a result the supply in certain parts of the town has to be cut off. This is being done by rotation in different localities, so as to avoid inconvenience to any one locality.

(14) - It is ascertained that temporary load of approximately 2 K.W. is being granted for short periods of 3-4 days on the occasions of marriage ceremonies, holiday celebrations, etc., and this load is considered to be reasonable.

(15) - Yes, there are in all five generating sets installed in the power house with a total capacity of 298 K.W., against which the sets can take a maximum load of only 190 K.W. As the maximum demand at present is about 175 K.W., the Company is not in a position to take any new connections.

(16) - The Supply Company itself holds a Contractor's License and there is no other licensed Electrical Contractor in the town. The work of carrying out additions and/or alterations and new wiring work has to be done only by a licensed electrical contractor, in accordance with rule 48 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1957, and as such, in the absence of any other licensed contractor, not being locally available, the Company may be asking the consumers to get such type of work executed through it only. Moreover, it is not likely that the electrical contractors from outside would come to Bijapur to take up such small isolated jobs, whenever required.

(17) - It is a fact that meters are of different types. It is, however, open to the consumer who doubts the accuracy of the meter provided by the Company to refer the dispute to the Electric Inspector for his decision under section 26 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. No references in this connection have been received so far by the Electric Inspector, Poona.

(18) - The charge for testing of meters at Rs.3/- per meter is sanctioned by Government vide item 4(b) of Part II of the Conditions of Supply, and this charge is lower than that charged by Government for testing meters in the Government Laboratory.

(19) - It is not possible that the reading of a meter will be affected in any way due to the frequent stoppages of supply.

(20) - It is ascertained that the connection of supply is cut off by the Company in the case of consumers who have failed to pay the charges of the Company for the supply of energy, in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. The question whether the amount of arrears is small or big is immaterial. The Company is entitled to charge a reconnection fee of Rs.2/- for each installation which is disconnected, in accordance with item 2 of Part II of the Conditions of Supply sanctioned by Government.

(21) - With a view to improve the position of supply, the Company has been asked to place an order for additional generating sets. One set of 100 K.W. which was ordered by the Company, has already arrived at site and is in the course of erection. This set is expected to go into commission very shortly, when the position of supply is expected to improve to some extent.

Electrical Engineer to Govt.

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Submitted with refec. to the ^{P-12}G.E. at
p-15 ante.

2. The El. Engr. has furnished requisite ^{PP 9-11} information for answering the questions by Shri P.R. Hujare, M.L.A. on the alleged mismanagement of Bijapur Elec. Supply Co. Ltd. Answers based on the El. Engr's remarks are put up for approval with the following remarks on Questions 2 to 7.

3. No complaints against the Supply Coy. have been received of late, but in 1947 to 49 a number of complaints were received from individual consumers and private bodies. The complaints were investigated and the Supply Coy. was asked to carry out necessary repairs to the generating sets and also to place orders for new A.C. sets, vide proceedings in file No. 560/17 put up below. The repairs were carried out and the sets were put into working order. The Supply Co. had assured Govt. in 1949 that orders for new A.C. plants would be placed shortly

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 action in that direction. The Coy will
 be addressed in that matter separately
 after ascertaining from the El. Engr.
 that the additional sets are still necessary
 when the Coy. has ^{since} received one
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 placed orders in 1946. This new
 D.C. set is being erected. ~~and~~ The
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 expected to improve to certain extent
 when this new set is commissioned.
 4. The draft at pp 25-28, put up for
 approval may issue.

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 H. M. 25/1

The draft copy has issue.

Re: supplementary ^{order} ~~order~~ ^{not}
 relating to Q. no. 657 and 21,
 I would like to know when action is proposed
 to be taken in case the Company does
 not order the additional generating
 set or sets as required by Govt.

Jan 25/52

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Alleged mismanagement of Bijapur Electric Supply Co. Ltd.,
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(2) & (3) Complaints about interruptions were received in 1949 from several consumers and were promptly investigated.

(4) & (5) It was found that the interruptions were mainly due to the worn out condition of the generating sets which have been in constant use for several years. The Co. was instructed to purchase spare parts ^{and to} ~~for the purpose of repairing~~ and reconditioning the old engines and accordingly on receipt of the spare parts the sets were repaired and put into working order. The Co. was also asked to order out a new sets to improve the position of supply.

(6) and (7) The Co. had intimated that it would place orders shortly for the new A.C. sets as required by Govt. It is however ascertained that no action has been taken by it in that direction. One D.C. set of 100 KW ordered by the Co. in 1946 has, however, been received lately & is in the course of operation.

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Shri B. R. Hujare, M.L.A.
(Bijapur North).

Honourable Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta.

(9) whether Govt. is aware that at these rates are higher than those prevailing in other districts;

(9) These rates are not higher than those prevailing at other places, *in similar companies*

(10) whether the case was at any time referred to the Rating Committee for fixing the rates;

(10) & (11) ^a The Rating Committee was constituted under the ~~orders issued in~~ G.R. No. *slip* 571/48(18), dated 20-9-1950, on the applica-

(11) if so, what was the lowest rate fixed by the Rating Committee;

tion of the Coy. under Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, ~~for the constitution of a Rating Committee~~. It was, however, dissolved subsequently at the request of the Coy.

(12) whether Govt. is aware that the company stops the supply of electricity all of a sudden without previous notice to the public;

(12) These stoppages are caused by sudden breakdowns in the old engines. Previous notice is not possible in such cases.

(13) whether it is a fact that the Coy. stops the supply of electricity for one day in a week to each Ward of Bijapur city by turn;

(13) The Co. is compelled to do so. During the period of breakdown of any machine, the remaining sets in operation are not able to cope up with the entire load of the town and consequently supply in ~~certain parts of the town~~ has to be cut off in different localities by turn.

(14) whether Govt. is aware that the Coy. supplies electricity in great quantity for marriage ceremonies, Holiday celebrations, cinema theatres, dramatic companies and such other special occasions;

(14) A tempy. load of about 2 kW. is being granted by the Coy. for short periods of 3 to 4 days for marriage ceremonies, holiday celebrations, etc. This load is considered reasonable.

(15) whether Govt. is aware that the Coy. ordinarily refuses to give new connections to the public for residential buildings;

(15) ~~The position is this.~~ All the five generating sets of the Coy. can take a maximum load of only 190 kW. The maximum demand at present is about 175 kW. The Coy. is not in a position therefore to take any new connections.

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(16) whether Govt. is aware that the Coy. does not allow the consumers to get their wire and bulb fittings and repairs etc. done privately but insists on getting it done by its own staff for which it charges more;

(16) ~~The reason is this.~~ ^{No} According to rule 48 of the I.E. Rules, 1937, the work of new wiring, addns. and alterations, etc. has to be done only by a licensed electrical contractor. The Coy. holds a contractor's license and ~~as there is no other licensed contractor in the town and as it is not likely that the electrical contractors from outside would come to Bijapur for such small isolated jobs the Coy. may be asking the consumers to get the wiring etc. done through it.~~

(17) whether Govt. is aware that the meters supplied by the Coy. to the consumers are of various types and show the reading of energy more than what is actually consumed;

(17) It is a fact that meters are of different types. However, it is open to the consumer, who doubts the accuracy of the meter, provided by the Coy. to refer the dispute to the Electric Inspector under Section 26 of the I.E. Act, 1910. No reference in this connection has been received so far by the Elec. Inspector, Poona.

(18) whether Govt. is further aware that the charges for testing the meters by the Coy.'s engineers are more than those charged by a competent Govt. engineer;

(18) The charge for testing ~~the~~ meters sanctioned by Govt. is Rs. 3 per meter and this charge is lower than that charged for testing meters in the Govt. laboratory.

(19) whether it is a fact that the reading of energy consumed is shown more on the meters as a result of the Electric Coy. cutting and stopping the energy supply frequently;

(19) No. The reading of ^a ~~the~~ meter will not possibly be affected in any way by the frequent stoppages of supply.

(20) whether Govt. is aware that the Electric Coy. cuts the connection of supply of electricity to the consumers even for small arrears of its dues and charges more for reconnection of the same;

(20) ~~It is ascertained that~~ the connection ~~of supply~~ is cut off by the Coy. in the case of consumers who ~~have failed~~ to pay the charges, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the I.E. Act, 1910. The question whether the amount of arrears is small or big is immaterial. The Coy. is entitled to charge a reconnection fee

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fee of Rs.2 for each installation which is re-connected.

(21) what steps, if any, as Govt. taken or proposes to take to relieve the hardships of the public of Bijapur town in this matter?

(21) The Coy. has been asked to place an order for addnl. generating sets. One set of 100 kW. has already arrived at the site and is in the course of erection. The position of supply is expected to improve to some extent when this set goes into commission shortly.

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B.C. (B'bay No.1),
28th Jany. 1952.

Forwarded to the Secretary,
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to his letter No. Q/3562, dated the
25-9-51.

By order of the G. of B.,

Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay,
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D.A. - Nil.

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**Alleged mismanagement of Bijapur Electric Supply
Company Limited, Bijapur.**

***3562. Shri B.R.Hujare, M.L.A., (Bijapur North): Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state -**

(1) whether Government is aware that the Bijapur Electric Supply Company Limited Bijapur frequently stops supply of electricity to Bijapur town;

(2) whether it is a fact that a complaint was made to Government in this respect;

(3) if so, whether Government has inquired into the causes of the frequent stoppage of electric supply to consumers;

(4) if so, with what result;

(5) whether it is a fact that the cause of this frequent stoppage of electric supply is that the plant is being run with the aid of old engines;

(6) whether it is a fact that an assurance was given to the authorities by the Electric Supply company that the company would replace the old engines by new ones soon;

(7) whether Government is aware that the company has not yet replaced the old engines;

(8) whether it is a fact that the company charges Rs.0-8-0 per unit of consumption per month and one anna in a rupee as Government duty and surcharge;

(9) whether Government is aware that these rates are higher than those prevailing in other districts;

(10) whether the case was at any time referred to the Rating Committee for fixing the rates;

(11) if so, what was the lowest rate fixed by the Rating Committee;

(12) whether Government is aware that the company stops the supply of electricity all of a sudden without previous notice to the public;

(13) whether it is a fact that the Company stops the supply of electricity for one day in a week to each Ward of Bijapur city by turn;

(14) whether Government is aware that the Company supplies electricity in great quantity for marriage ceremonies, Holiday celebrations, cinema theatres, Dramatic companies and such other special occasions;

(15) whether Government is aware that the Company ordinarily refuses to give new connections to the public for residential buildings;

(16) whether Government is aware that the Company does not allow the consumers to get their wire and bulb fittings and repairs etc. done privately but insists on getting it done by its own staff for which it charges more;

(17) whether Government is aware that the meters supplied by the Company to the consumers are of various types and show the reading of energy more than what is actually consumed;.

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(18) whether Government is further aware that the charges for testing the meters by the Company's engineers are more than those charged by a competent Government engineer;

(19) whether it is a fact that the reading of energy consumed is shown more on the meters as a result of the Electric Company cutting and stopping the energy supply frequently;

(20) whether Government is aware that the Electric Company cuts the connection of supply of electricity to the consumers even for small arrears of its dues and charges more for reconnection of the same;

(21) what steps, if any, has Government taken or proposes to take to relieve the hardships of the public of Bijapur town in this matter?

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*3562 (1) It is a fact that there are frequent interruptions in the supply of electricity at Bijapur.

(2) and (3) Complaints about interruptions were received in 1949 from several consumers and were promptly investigated.

(4) and (5) It was found that the interruptions were mainly due to the worn out condition of the generating sets which have been in constant use for several years. The Company was instructed to purchase spare parts and to repair and recondition the old engines and accordingly on receipt of the spare parts the sets were repaired and put into working order. The Company was also asked to order out new sets to improve the position of supply.

(6) and (7) The Company had intimated that it would place orders shortly for the new A.C. sets as required by Government. It is however ascertained that no action has been taken by it in that direction. One D.C. set of 100 kW ordered by the Company in 1946 has, however, been received lately and is in the course of erection.

(8) The Company charges annas 8 per unit for supply of energy for lights and fans and electricity duty is charged at the rate of 1 anna per unit on the units consumed for lighting and fans when the total consumption, per month, exceeds 12 units.

(9) These rates are not higher than those prevailing at other places in similar companies.

(10) and (11) A Rating Committee was constituted under Government Resolution No. 571/48(18), dated 20th September 1950, on the application of the Company under Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. It was, however, dissolved subsequently at the request of the Company.

(12) These stoppages are caused by sudden breakdowns in the old engines. Previous notice is not possible in such cases.

(13) The Company is compelled to do so. During the period of breakdown of any machine, the remaining sets in operation are not able to cope up with the entire load of the town and consequently supply has to be cut off in different localities by turn.

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(14) A temporary load of about 2 kW is being granted by the Company for short periods of 3 to 4 hours for marriage ceremonies, holiday celebrations, etc. This load is considered reasonable.

(15) All the five generating sets of the Company can take a maximum load of only 190 kW. The maximum demand at present is about 175 kW. The Company is not in a position therefore to take any new connections.

(16) No. According to rule 48 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1937, the work of new wiring, additions and alterations, etc. has to be done only by a licensed electrical contractor. The Company holds a contractor's license and as there is no other licensed contractor in the town.

(17) It is a fact that meters are of different types. However, it is open to the consumer, who doubts the accuracy of the meter, provided by the Company to refer the dispute to the Electric Inspector under Section 26 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. No reference in this connection has been received so far by the Electric Inspector, Poona.

(18) The charge for testing meters sanctioned by Government is Rs.3 per meter and this charge is lower than that charged for testing meters in the Government laboratory.

(19) No. The reading of a meter will not be affected in any way by the frequent stoppages of supply.

(20) The connection is cut off by the Company in the case of consumers who fail to pay the charges, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. The question whether the amount of arrears is small or big is immaterial. The Company is entitled to charge a reconnection fee of Rs.2 for each installation which is reconnected.

(21) The Company has been asked to place an order for additional generating sets. One set of 100 kW has already arrived at the site and is in the course of erection. The position of supply is expected to improve to some extent when this set goes into commission shortly.

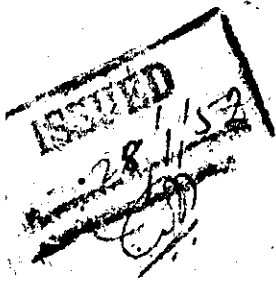
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28th January 1952.

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dated the 25th September 1951.

By order of the Governor of Bombay

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Assistant Secretary to the Government
of Bombay, Public Works Department.

D.A:-Nil.



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minute at p. 24 ante.

2. It may be stated that if the spec. continues to be satisfactory no action can be taken against the licensee for not ordering out additional sets as required by Govt. When the supply is found to be unsatisfactory Govt. can proceed for necessary action against the licensee under penal Sections 42(b) & 47 or for revocation of the license under Section 4(1) of the S.E. Act 1910.

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In order to be able to maintain satisfactory supply and to meet future requirements, licensees have to estimate growth of load and order out additional sets. When Govt. advises licensees to do this, they generally comply with Govt. instructions and no threat of penal action or revocation is usually necessary.

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The question came up to be replied to on 31-1-52 in the L.A., when Shri Hujare was not present. It can be considered to have been replied to by Govt.

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2. These pps. may be referred to the Col. Engr. for advice with ref. to portion marked A at p-24 ante

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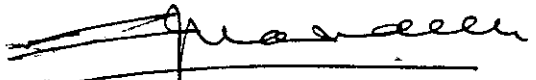
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No. G.118 /13961
Bombay, 7th March, 1952.

Returned with compliments.

A 2. The existing five generating sets installed at the Power House are capable of taking the total load of 200 K.W. and after the additional set of 100 K.W. is put into commission, the safe loading capacity of the station will be about 280 K.W. As the present maximum demand on the generating station is about 198 K.W. which occurs only for a short time during the peak load period, the Company will be in a position to carry on with the loading capacity of 280 K.W. till such time as the peak demand rises upto 220 K.W., when it will be necessary for the company to order out an additional set of adequate capacity to meet the ~~max~~ increased demand.


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2. Please see portion marked 17
on p. 24 ante. In view of the
Col. King's remarks at overpage.
it does not seem necy. for the
Co. to arrange for new sets for
some time. No further action
is necy. on these pps.

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